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Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation
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Attention: Mr. P. H. Williams
Environmental Engineer

Dear Phil:

I am writing regarding the recent incident of improper disposal of hazardous wastes at the Mica Landfill. Thank you for the letter explaining the circumstances surrounding the incident. Your prompt reporting of the incident is appreciated.

It is unfortunate that the incident occurred and points out the necessity for maintaining positive controls on all phases of hazardous waste handling. I sincerely hope the changes you are initiating will preclude any future occurrences of this type of incident.

I understand and appreciate the cause of this incident, but cannot accept the situation as being minor. The incident clearly violated existing hazardous waste regulations, as you well recognize. Any future incidents such as this cannot be tolerated. In the event of a reoccurrence, we will consider taking formal regulatory action.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

James L. Malm
Environmental Quality Division

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cc: Ed Pickett, Spokane County Health District
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